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DECEMBER Flowers

* * * * *	Sunday 1 st December 2019 Eunice & Donald Smith	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 8 th December 2019 Flower donation Vacancy	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 15 th December 2019 Flower donation Vacancy	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 22 nd December 2019 Sheila Goodwin In memory of Jessie & Tom Reid	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 29 th December 2019 Edna & John Wood In memory of their Families	* * * * *

100 CLUB WINNERS

OCT 2019

1st	28	Helen Illingworth
2nd	25	Helen Illingworth
3rd	13	Pat Chippendale

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

100 CLUB WINNERS

NOV 2019

1st	84	Edna Wood
2nd	117	Kate Salt
3rd	23	John Greenwood

Congratulations

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RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month
Margaret Shore

DECEMBER

Sun	01	10.30	T oy & Gift Service led by Graeme Pilbrough
Sun	01	14.00	300th Anniversary Church Service at Bury
Mon	02	19.45	General Council Meeting
Wed	04	17.00	Christmas Afternoon Tea: Hostess — Edna Wood
Wed	04	18.45	Women's League Christmas Meeting
Sat	07	11.45	Christmas Lunch
Sun	08	10.30	S unday Service led by Tom Grimshaw from Chorlton
Mon	09	19.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close
Sun	15	18.00	C arol Service led by Marta Pacini from Rawtenstall
Sun	22	10.30	S unday Service led by Vince McCully from Rivington. Followed by Congregational Lunch at Madisons
Wed	25	11.00	C hristmas Day Service led by Garry Hammond from Warrington
Sun	29	10.30	S unday Service led by Jean Longworth from Bolton

JAN 2020

Sun	05	10.30	S unday Service led by Jean Clements from Denton
Sun	05	15.00	Service at Rawtenstall Church to celebrate the unveiling of the 'Jerusalem' Triptych
Wed	08	17.00	Afternoon Tea: Hostess — Diane Bennett
Wed	08	18.45	Women's League AGM
Sun	12	10.30	S unday Service led by Laura Dobson from Chorlton



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ROTAS

WARDENS

DEC

COFFEE

Dorothy Jones & Margaret Shore

1

Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt

Edna & John Wood

8

Joyce Ashworth

John Illingworth & Fred Schofield

15

Diane Bennett & Dorothy Jones

Margaret Salt & Diane Bennett

22

John & Edna Wood

Helen & John Illingworth

29

Margaret Shore & Madge Rimmer

If anyone is unable to attend when on Coffee Rota, will they please arrange cover or see Margaret Shore.- Thanks



*We don't sing carols no more...
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

"ABOUT PEOPLE"

Eunice Smith is now home and recovering but unfortunately **Donald** has been admitted to the clinical assessment unit at Rochdale Infirmary following a fall at home. We do hope you will both soon be reunited and feeling much better.

READERS' LETTERS

39 Pegasus Court, Rochdale

Dear Friends

Sincere thanks for the many Get Well cards, flowers and visits following my two operations and time spent in hospital. I am improving slowly but still have to rest and take things easy.

Yours sincerely, **Eunice**

Dear Friends

May I, through the medium of our Messenger, wish you all a very happy and joyous Christmas time and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

As some of you may know, we ceased sending Christmas cards for the first time last year and instead sent to a charity of our choice, which was Devon Air Ambulance. This year we are intending doing the same and donating to a charity called Sense, which supports children who are deaf/blind. There are so many worthy causes it is difficult to choose but every little helps I suppose.

It is at this time of the year when we remember those we have lost over the year who have been dear to us, and we should be thankful for the friendship we had with them and look back on the good memories we shared.

As usual, we will celebrate Christmas twice, one early in December and the usual 25th, but each will be special with our family around us, such is the nature of us now living in Devon.

We send warm good wishes to the Rochdale Unitarian congregation and hope 2020 will see the Church grow and flourish.

Very best wishes

Judith and Stephen Lord

M UDDY BOOTS

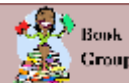


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Eight members and a dog met in early November for the Milnrow/Newhey/Ogden walk which was led by Lynne. Amazingly it stayed fine until the very end of the walk and wasn't too cold. It was, however, rather wet underfoot so walking boots were essential. It was good to explore Newhey where we found small hamlets off the beaten track passing St Thomas's Church, Hough, Bethany and Ogden and crossing the reservoir embankment, the motorway bridge (very noisy) and Tunshill golf course. Thank you Lynne for a very interesting and varied walk.

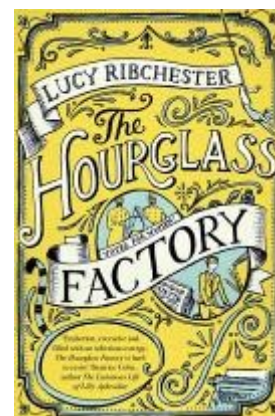
Due to December being such a busy month there won't be another walk until January. Helen I

B BOOK CIRCLE



Members are planning their **Christmas meeting on 9th December**. The book for discussion is **The Hourglass Factory by Lucy Ribchester** but, as the main focus of the meeting is the Italian takeaway, discussion will be limited to a chat around the table. Here's what one reviewer had to say – "This first offering from the splendidly named Lucy Ribchester is a near-500-page whopper of a novel best described as a suffragette romp with a moral message at its centre. Expect less a forensic examination of the actions of the WSPU in the years before the First World War and more a pastiche of Edwardian society weary – at all levels – of the women enduring brutal injustice to obtain the basic right to vote." Sounds interesting? We'll see if we can recommend it next month.

Helen I



TOY & GIFT SERVICE

Sunday, 1st December, 10.30am

Gifts collected during the service will be donated to the local Petrus charity in



support of families who would otherwise struggle to provide gifts for their children at Christmas. The retiring collection for this service will be donated to the Send A Child to Hucklow scheme (SACH), to help fund holidays for children at the Nightingale Centre



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Saturday, 7 December, 11.45am

Our famed Christmas Lunch is back for 2019! Tickets are £10 for Adults and £1 for Children. As well as a seasonal, freshly-cooked 3-course meal, we also have craft and gift stalls for those last-minute present ideas. Tea and Coffee are included in the price, and proceeds are to aid in repairs to the main hall roof. Many thanks for your generous support this year!

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 15th December, 6.00pm

Don't forget that our candle-lit carol service will be taking place at **6pm** in church on the 15th. Come and sing-along to some old favourites, with hot drinks and mince-pies to follow. One not to be missed!



MADISONS LUNCH

After Service, 22nd December

If you're not already stuffed with Festive grub, then the Congregational Christmas Meal will be held at Madisons after worship.

Names on the noticeboard please, payment to Joyce, for those who have not yet done so.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 25th December, 11.00am

As is tradition, we will be hosting a Christmas Morning Service on the 25th. Please note that funds raised from our Xmas Card Scheme this year go to The Soup Kitchen Rochdale.

Merry Christmas!



EVENT DATES 2019/20

Date	EVENT
1 Dec	Toy & Gift Service
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch
15 Dec	Carol Service
22 Dec	Congregational Lunch at Madisons
	Event dates for 2020
01 Feb	Film Night
8 Feb	Film Night (changed from 1st Feb!)
15 Feb	Charity Lunch
5 Mar	Talk: Life with Saudi Royal Family
21 Mar	Film Night
25 Apr	Spring Lunch
16 May	Film Night
20 Jun	Summer Lunch
22 Aug	Women's League Project Lunch
03 Oct	Film Night
10 Oct	Autumn Lunch
21 Nov	Film Night
05 Dec	Christmas Lunch
06 Dec	2020 Toy & Gift Service

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